New Steps Pertaining to Basic Drugs

868. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to emphasise on quality control and incentives for the manufacture of basic drugs under its new drug policy ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (b) Aspects relating to quality control and incentives for the manufacture of drugs from the basic stage are also the subject matter of review of Drug Policy, 1986 on which a discussion has already taken place in the House on 18th, 19th and 23rd August, 1993.

Compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

869. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether legal heirs of those who suffered impairment in the Bhopal Gas tragedy and died later, will be eligible for compensation in view of the Judgement given by the Commissioner of Gas Victims;

(b) if so, what is the total of such cases pending at present in this regard ;

(c) after the Judgement in how many cases claims were received and compensation was paid to the legal heirs ;

(d) what is the number of applications under process at present; and

(e) by when all the legal heirs are likely to be provided compensation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) 6829 cases.

(c) and (e) According to the information furnished by the office of the Welfare Commissioner, after the judgement and upto 22-11-1993 the compensation paid was Rs. 6,54,59,750 in 605 cases. Efforts are being made to provide compensation in the remaining cases as quickly as possible.

Controlled and Decontrolled Medicines

870. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study to know the open market prices of the medicines decontrolled in 1986 ;

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof stating the percentage of rise in the prices of the decontrolled medicines since 1986 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to minimise the number of controlled medicines :

(d) whether it is also a fact that it is compulsory for every drug manufacturing company to manufacture 70 per cent medicines from some of its products of category Ist and IInd of controlled medicines :

(e) if so, whether Government are aware that most of the drug manufacturing companies are not adhering to it and have stopped manufacturing such medicines ; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regards ?

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